

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of Outstanding Missourian through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, Dr. Mark A. Prelas of Columbia, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a Professor of Nuclear Engineering and the Director of Research at the Nuclear Science and Engineering Institute at the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

Whereas, on April 2, 2008, Mark Prelas will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role he has performed in Missouri as a community leader; and

Whereas, Mark Prelas prepared for his lifelong endeavors by earning a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering science from Colorado State University and a Master of Science degree in nuclear engineering and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in nuclear and electrical engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and

Whereas, a Professional Engineer in the state of Missouri, Mark Prelas recently enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he was selected for the prestigious Frederic Joliot-Curie Medal, which is awarded by the government of Russia, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, International Center for Hydrogen Energy Technologies, International Association for Hydrogen Energy, and International Scientific Journal of Alternative Energy and Ecology; and

Whereas, Mark Prelas has engaged in a significant body of research related to nuclear pumped lasers, nuclear light bulbs, wide-band gap photovoltaic cells, quantum fingerprinting technology, and extracting materials from diamonds; and

Whereas, Mark Prelas truly is an educator and researcher who has been at the revolutionary end of research and new discoveries related to the advanced production of energy from nuclear sources:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Mark Prelas as an Outstanding Missourian, and to extend to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on April 2, 2008, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Outstanding Missourian Mark A. Prelas of Columbia, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ray Salva
District No. 51

Representative Bryan Pratt
District No. 55

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker